

A
Word of Remembrance, Reproof & Counsel,
TO
ENGLAND AND LONDON:

Put forth by One that *Loves* and *Longs* for their *Prosperity*.

OH People of *England* and *London*, remember thy former Zeal, when thou wast willing of thy self, to enter into a *League* and *Covenant* with thy God, with Hands lifted up to the Heavens, that thou wouldest Reform, and square thy Life in Matters of Religion, according to the Word of God, and the best reformed Churches; for the performance of which, thy Ministry did sound an *Alarm*, for Men and Money, which was answered in a large measure, in an Army which God furnished, with a Spirit of *Prayer* and *Courage*, in subduing thy Enemies, which thou didst then judge, was an answer of thy *Dayes* of *Fasting* and *Prayer*, in which thou didst greatly rejoyce, and set many *Dayes* of *Thanksgiving* a part, to praise the Lord for his Goodness, which thou didst account at that time Infinite Mercy.

These thy Enemies being subdued, that did Tirannize over thee, both in *Spirituals* and *Temporals*; and God did put a Prize into thy hands, that thou mightest have been happy, hadst thou improved it, but thou didst grow Proud and Kicked against the Lord, and fell from thy *Promises* and *Engagements*, and the Mercies now are swallowed up in *Selfe-Intrest*; none must now Serve and Worship God, but as one Sort of People would have it; and when that could not be obtained, then Hatred and Malice did increase, and those that stood in the Gap in a day of trouble, must now be made the Objects of Scorn and Reproach in the Streets: And this was occasioned by some that carried a great stroak in Religion, because they had not their Lust satisfied, to have all brought into one Uniformity in Religion; bitter and sharp Disputations were daily; by which means Brethren were divided, and looked one upon another, as Enemies and Strangers, rather chusing to close with the common Enemy, that endeavoured to destroy them both, then to own one another; which to accomplish, there was secret Designs carried on with much Industry, for a closure with that party, that God had born a Testimony against, in the face of the Son, to the Terror of the Nations, in making of them like the Chaff of the Summer Threshing-Floor.

This Designe at last taking effect, the common Enemy having now obtained that which they long looked for, thorow the help of those restless Spirits, who must now be the Subjects of Ruin and Dissolation; but those who had engaged their Lives, Liberties and Estates, and spilt much Pretious Blood, to save the City of *London* from Dissolation, by Fire and Bloodshed, their Houses from Plundering, and their Wives from Ravishment, and their Children from being Murdered; these I say, must now be delivered up to be destroyed by a revengful Enemy; in which thou didst sport thy self in their being Executed, and their dead Bodies set upon the Gates of thy City, for the Fowls of the Air to eat, further assisting the Enemy to Persecute, in filling the Prisons and Dungeons with such as fear the Lord, that prayed for thee,

and sought thy Welfare; thy Ungratefulness is written in Capital Letters, that they that run may read it; nothing will satisfie thee but a great Trade, which to accomplish, thou must have a *K*; though thou didst destroy thy Friends: But hadst thou ever such a loss of Trade, as now thou hast, by which Poverty is coming upon thee as an Armed man? Thou didst complain of Taxes and Oppression, hadst thou ever the like as now thou hast, and art like to have? Thou didst complain of Prophaneſs, and the abuse of God's Ordinances; but was there ever such Prophaneſs, and Contempt of God's Word and Ordinances as is now? What designs there is to destroy all Virtue, and to encourage all Vice, I shall leave to the Rational to Consider.

Oh People of *England* and *London*! I appeal to your Consciences, whether these things be not true, and many more of the like nature; Oh! remember how many of you that pretended much Religion, how deep you were in encouraging of Prophaneſs, in making *Bono-Fires*, *Drinking Healths*, *Roasting of Rumps*, to the abuse of the Creatures, *Swearing* and *Blaspheming* of the holy Name of God, all manner of *Debauchery* committed, which must needs enter into the Eares of the Lord of Host, and do undoubtedly cry unto him for Vengeance upon this Nation and City. Oh! *England* and *London*, look into thy aforeſaid Actions, and repent of thy Wickedness, humble thy self before it be too late; consider how *Strangers* now throng thy Streets, the *Gunsmiths* and *Sword-Cutlers* can inform you, if they will, how the *French* and *Irish Papists*, do this day buy up *Armes*, and how they walk in Companies Armed, and how they buy up *Horses* in *Smithfield*, is notoriously taken notice of: Surely these things speak no less than Ruin to thy Inhabitants, if God in much Mercy prevent not; how are the *Papists Meetings* this day suffered, and *Idolatry* pleaded for, and the Lord's People who desire to Worship him in Spirit and in Truth, are abused in such a manner, as the like hath never been since those People have born the Name of *Protestants*, nor hardly ever before, as it hath of late been.

Oh People of *England* and *London*! be ashamed and horribly amazed, for this thy abusing thy Friends, and strengthening the hands of thy Enemies; was ever People so Industrious to destroy themselves, as you have been? Oh! let my Counsel be acceptable unto thee, and repent, which my Soul desires; who am one of thy poor Children, that have, and do pray for thee, and shall conclude with the Words of my Master once to *Jerusalem*; Oh! that thou hadst known, in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy present and Eternal Peace; least it fall out with thee, oh *England* and *London*, as it did to *Jerusalem*, that it shall be suddenly bid from thine Eyes.

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